

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 10 is canceled and claims 34 and 35 added.

The claims remain as 1-7, 9-13, 15 and 17-35.

Claims 1, 2, 3, and 31 are amended to delete the molecular weight characterization as “number average”.

The specification in the paragraph at page 3, line 6, is also so amended.

Claims 7, 15, 16, 22 and 24 are amended to clarify them and to overcome criticism thereof as explained below.

Claim 10 is replaced with claim 34, to the solution, and claim 34, to the supported additive composition. Basis for the new claims appears in original claim 10 together with original disclosure at page 5, the paragraph at line 6. In particular, the words “matrix resins (Master-Matches) is basis for “matrix resin for a master batch”.

An unnecessary colon is removed from claim 9.

The dependency claim itemization in claim 28 is corrected.

Re “Specification”

The stated objection to the specification under 35 U.S.C. § 132(a) is overcome by deleting the amendment objected to.

However, it is noted that commercial specifications recite the molecular weight without designating the kind of average, please see the two attached Dow Corning® product description computer print-out pages entitled Dow Corning® 200(R) Fluid 60,000 CST and Dow Corning® 200(R) Fluid 300,000 CST..

Re: Claim Objections

Withdrawal of the objections is requested in view of the following:

“The” at the beginning of claim 2 has been replaced with “A”.

In claim 15 the phrase “An organic polymer” is removed as superfluous/

The period in the center of claim 17 is removed.

Re: Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 112

The rejection of claims 1-7, 9-13, 15 and 17-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, is overcome by removing the “number-average” designation for the molecular weight.

As noted above, please see the two cited Dow Corning® publications wherein the molecular weight information is not characterized by type of average.

Claim 7 has been amended to clearly indicate that the weight contribution of the hydrocarbon is 0.1 wt% of the combined weight of the additive composition and organic polymer, and the weight contribution of the polysiloxane is similarly designated.

Basis appears in original claim 7 and in the paragraph at page 4, line 17.

The rejection of claim 10 under the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, by deleting claim 10 and replacing it with new claims 34 and 35.

In claim 34, the questioned phrase “supported by a polymeric matrix” is replaced with “the matrix resin for a master batch upon which is supported the additive composition of claim 1”. This wording is closer to that of the original disclosure at page 5, the paragraph at line 6. The wording “supported by” in context means “on the surface of” rather than “mixed with.” Claim 24 contains a similar recitation.

Claim 22 is here amended to remove “such as” and the following exemplary itemizations as unnecessary.

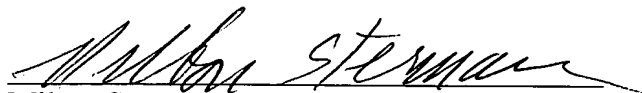
Re: Allowable Subject Matter

In view of the present amendments, favorable reconsideration of retained claims 1-7, 9, 11-13, 15 and 17-29 and new claims 34 and 35 are solicited.

The indicated allowability of claims 30-33 is noted with appreciated.

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